



INTERPRETIVE ACTIVITIES

JANUARY 2017

Sunday, January 1, 2017

8:00 a.m. Hike – Hornblende Canyon

5.5 Hours



Join Volunteer Naturalist Ann Keenan for a moderate 5-mile round trip hike up Hornblende Canyon where we expect to see colorful rocks, artifacts, and an old mine. Bring water, lunch, and hiking shoes. Limited to 10 participants. *Please sign up at the Visitor Center.* Meet at 8:00 a.m. in the upper parking lot of the Visitor Center to carpool.

9:00 a.m. Hike – Bill Kenyon Overlook

2 Hours



Join Park Interpreter Sally Theriault for a 1.5-mile walk on uneven ground to a beautiful desert overlook. Meet at Yaqui Pass Campground, on Highway S-3, 1 mile north of Tamarisk Grove Campground. Please wear sturdy shoes and bring water.



2:00 p.m. Walk – Panorama Overlook

2.5 Hours



Meet Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter at the Visitor Center to walk across the desert and up the Panorama Overlook Trail for good views of the Borrego Valley and Font's Point. Wear sturdy shoes and bring at least one liter of water and a flashlight.

Monday, January 2, 2017

8:00 a.m. Hike – Roving Naturalist on the Palm Canyon Trail

2 Hours

Find Roving State Park Volunteer Naturalist Terry Hunefeld in his volunteer vest somewhere on the Palm Canyon Trail looking at the life that is everywhere in the desert – if you know where to look. We'll keep an eye out for desert birds and bighorn sheep and study the signs left by mammals, reptiles and insects. Bring binoculars and cameras if you have them – and, of course, water, hat, sunscreen and hiking footwear. This is not a guided hike.

Tuesday, January 3, 2017

8:30 a.m. Hike – Weekly Members Hike

3.5 Hours



Meet at the State Park Store in the Mall. Join ABF for our weekly member hikes. Led by Park Rangers, retired Park Rangers, and various Park enthusiasts, these hikes take you to little-known but easily accessible spots throughout the northern area of the Park as a free perk for ABF members. Not a member? Ask about joining at the Visitor Center or State Park Store. For more information, visit www.theabf.org/2017-member-hikes or call 760-767-0446 ext. 1003. No advance registration required.

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Tuesday, January 3, 2017 (continued)

11:00 a.m. Talk ♿ – Coyote: Song-Dog or Trickster?

1 Hour

Have you heard them at night? Have you seen them? They're in the park... and in town, too. Native Americans admired them for their crafty intelligence & stealth – thus their legends about “The Trickster.” How much do you really know about these ghostly creatures? Join Volunteer Naturalist Terry Hunefeld as we look at the good, the bad and the ugly and sort out fact from fiction about these amazing wild animals. Meet in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center.

1:00 p.m. Walk – Those Mysterious Holes: Discovering the Abundant Life of ABDSP

45 Min.

What animal built those holes along the trail? Who made those tracks? What other clues can we find to the plentiful life in ABDSP? Join Volunteer Naturalist Terry Hunefeld and get ready to do some detective sleuthing on an easy stroll around the Visitor Center gardens to see what we can see. Bring water, hat & sunscreen. Meet in front of the Visitor Center.

Wednesday, January 4, 2017

8:00 a.m. Hike – Discover the Hidden Treasures of the Palm Canyon Trail

2 Hours

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11:00 a.m. Walk ♿ – Rainbow Any Day

1 Hour

Even when it's not raining, you can discover a rainbow of color in the desert. Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter for a unique view of the desert near the Visitor Center, exploring how color occurs and reveals the details of the desert that we often only glimpse. Meet at the Visitor Center.

4:00 p.m. Walk ♿ – Let's Be “Crepuscular”!

1 Hour

You probably know “Nocturnal”, maybe even “Diurnal” animals. Walk with Regina Reiter, Park Interpretive Specialist, near the Visitor Center at dusk to explore the fascinating and surprisingly active hour between the day and the night. Meet in front of the Visitor Center.

Thursday, January 5, 2017

1.5 Hours

11:00 a.m. Walk ♿ – Notice and Wonder

Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter to explore Nature journaling. We'll observe the desert closely and record what we experience with very basic techniques of writing, drawing, and painting to focus on what we notice and what we wonder. No artistic ability required! Bring your own journal or use ours. Be prepared with water, sunhat, sunscreen, and a lawn chair or towel to sit upon.

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Friday, January 6, 2017

8:00 a.m. Talk/Walk ♿ – Beaks and Feet

1 Hour

If you've always wanted to learn about birds but thought it's too complicated and only for birding experts, you'll enjoy this simple way of appreciating the birds! Join Regina Reiter, Park Interpretive Specialist, in the Visitor Center Discovery Lab for this hands-on discovery session and get a close look at birds in and around the Visitor Center. For bird lovers 8 and up with no previous birding experience necessary. Bring binoculars if you have them.

11:00 a.m. Walk ♿ – Desert Mart

45 Minutes

Come stroll down the aisles of Desert-Mart with Certified Interpretive Guide Abby Barker to discover how the ingenious Native Americans used desert plants for their food, clothing, shelter, and medicine. Focus is on the three most important plants: Agave, Creosote, and Mesquite.

2:30 p.m. Walk – Panorama Overlook

2.5 Hours

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Saturday, January 7, 2017

8:30 a.m. Hike – Ghost Mountain

2.5 Hours

Experience the Marshal South story on this trek up Ghost Mountain with Volunteer Naturalist Dan Leidecker. The hike is steep but relatively short (1 mile up, 1 mile down) and offers a glimpse into the family's life on this remote mountaintop. Bring water, a snack, hat and sturdy footwear. Meet Dan at the Blair Valley entrance (turn off highway S2 near milemarker 23, at the Butterfield Stage sign). This hike will end before the 'Ehmuu' Morteros hike begins, making it possible for adventurers to enjoy both hikes.

10:00 a.m. Education Program – *Anza-Borrego: In Focus*- iNaturalist, Citizen Science, & the Amphibian and Reptile Atlas

5.5 Hours



Instructor Brad Hollingsworth will discuss how researchers are utilizing the app, iNaturalist to collect and share data. Learn how you can get in on the action as a citizen scientist at this morning presentation and afternoon field class. \$35 Public / \$25 ABF Members. Visit www.theabf.org/events or call for more details and to register at 760-767-0446 Ext. 1004.

12:00 p.m. Hike—Discovering the Archaeological History of the 'Ehmuu Morteros

2 Hours

Discover the hidden secrets of an ancient Kumeyaay Native American village site. Join Volunteer Archaeologist and Naturalist Sam Webb to explore both rock art and historic milling features. This 1.5 mile hike is over uneven terrain. Be sure to bring the usual water, hat, and sturdy footwear. Meet at the Morteros trailhead in Blair Valley, about 3 miles off Highway S-2 on a dirt road (turn into Blair Valley near Mile Marker 23).

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Saturday, January 7, 2017 (continued)

1:00 p.m. Talk – Coffee with a Ranger

1 Hour

Join the only CA State Park pilot, Ranger Josh, for a special presentation about his responsibilities and see the plane up close. The program will be conducted at the Borrego Springs Airport. Meet him at the airport office.

2:00 p.m. ♿ – Junior Rangers

1 Hour

Special program for children ages 7-12 only. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.

4:00 p.m. Walk ♿ – Rainbow Any Day

1 Hour

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7:30 p.m. Campfire Program ♿ – Getting the “Bad” Out of the Badlands

1 Hour

Join Ranger Mike at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center for an evening campfire program to explore the Badlands. Find out why the Badlands aren't so bad.



Sunday, January 8, 2017

8:00 a.m. Hike – Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

3 Hours

Volunteer Naturalist Dan Leidecker will be roaming the Borrego Palm Canyon Trail searching for bighorn sheep and other interesting features along the trail. Look for him in his volunteer vest as you hike to the palm oasis. This is not a guided hike.

9:00 a.m. Hike – Pictograph Trail

3 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Judy Stewart on a moderate 3-mile round trip hike through a beautiful desert valley to a panoramic overlook. Along the way, we will look at a large rock that displays fragile artwork from hundreds of years ago. This is one of the rare cultural sites that is accessible to the public. We will also experience beautiful views from the dry fall at the end of Smuggler Canyon. We will meet at 9 a.m. at the entrance to Blair Valley, about a 45 minute drive from the Visitor Center. We will then drive to the trailhead. Bring water, hat, sunscreen and comfortable walking shoes.

1:00 p.m. Walk ♿ – Garden Walk

45 Min.

Join a Visitor Center Interpreter who will take you on a stroll through the Visitor Center Garden to discover some of our special desert plants.

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Monday, January 9, 2017

10:00 a.m. Talk ♿ – Assessing Plant Biodiversity: Collections and DNA 1 Hour

Join the Botany Society for their monthly lecture series. Meet in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center. Open to the public. The speaker is Michael G. Simpson, Professor Emeritus of Biology, SDSU, Curator of the SDSU Herbarium, and many more titles. This talk will focus on two aspects of the plant sciences used to assess biodiversity. One is the importance of collections (collected plant specimens placed in herbaria) in recognizing and describing new species or species previously thought to be extinct. The second is the use of DNA sequence data to trace the evolutionary history of species, in evaluating their relationships, geographic history, and changes in morphology. The popcorn flowers will be used as a model system to illustrate these two interwoven scientific disciplines in biodiversity assessment.

12:00 p.m. Walk ♿ – Those Mysterious Holes/Discovering the Abundant Life Of ABDSP 45 Min.

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Tuesday, January 10, 2017



8:30 a.m. Hike – Weekly Members Hike 3.5 Hours

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3:00 p.m. Hike – Sunset/Moonlight Hike 5 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Ted Caragozian, Susie and Brian Jones for a desert hike to enjoy the sunset over the mountains and return under the nearly full moon to get a different perspective of the desert at a surprise location. Bring warm clothes and a flashlight (to be used only if necessary). We will cover as much as six miles and the daylight portion will involve walking over uneven ground. Limited to 15 participants – please sign-up at the Visitor Center and include your phone number to receive meeting details.

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11:00 a.m. Walk ♿ – Notice and Wonder

1.5 Hours

Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter to explore Nature journaling. We'll observe the desert closely and record what we experience with very basic techniques of writing, drawing, and painting to focus on what we notice and what we wonder. No artistic ability required! Bring your own journal or use ours. Be prepared with water, sunhat, sunscreen, and a lawn chair or towel to sit upon.

2:00 p.m. Hike – Lute Fault

3 Hours

Earthquake geology, local history and desert plant life will be the focus of this hike. Meet Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian at the call box across from Thimble Trail on S-22 at Mile Marker 31.9. Bring water and sturdy shoes for this 2-3 mile roundtrip hike on uneven ground.

Thursday, January 12, 2017

8:30 a.m. Hike – Calcite Canyon Spectacular

5-6 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian and explore the sandstone canyon country around the Calcite Mine. You will follow the Middle Fork of Palm Wash up over some small dry falls to a slot canyon, check out the mine, and see a demonstration of calcite's interesting optical properties. Meet at the Calcite Mine Road, mile marker 38.1, East on Highway S-22. Parking is available on both sides of the highway. Wear sturdy footwear, a hat, and carry water. This hike is rated moderately strenuous.

11:00 a.m. Walk ♿ – Notice and Wonder

1.5 Hours

Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter to explore Nature journaling. We'll observe the desert closely and record what we experience with very basic techniques of writing, drawing, and painting to focus on what we notice and what we wonder. No artistic ability required! Bring your own journal or use ours. Be prepared with water, sunhat, sunscreen, and a lawn chair or towel to sit upon.

1:00 p.m. Walk ♿ – Desert Scents

1 Hour

Enjoy an easy stroll through the visitor center garden with Volunteer Naturalist Ingrid Coffin. Use your senses on this plant exploration program that meets at the Visitor Center entrance.

3:30 p.m. Talk ♿ – Moon Features Come Alive

1 Hour

Come inside the Visitor Center for a demonstration of the reason we see the shape of the moon change each month and learn about the features that make the "Man in the Moon." Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter for this interactive program in the Visitor Center Discovery Lab.

5:00 p.m. Talk ♿ – The Moon Rises!

1 Hour

Watch the sky during the hour of the Moon's rising. Bring out your lawn chair, binoculars and a red-filtered flashlight and meet on the Visitor Center Roof, the "Bridge", for star and moon gazing. Dress warmly for welcoming this month's moon.

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Friday, January 13, 2017

10:00 a.m. Talk & – Paleontology Lecture on Sloths

2 Hours

Join the Paleontology Society for their monthly lecture series. Greg McDonald, PhD, a research associate at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, will be speaking about “Ground Sloths, Tree Sloths and Sea Sloths.” This lecture is open to the public. Meet in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center.

3:00 p.m. Talk – “Marshal South Rides Again, South as an Author and Artist”

1 Hour

Diana Lindsay, well known desert writer, was bequeathed Marshal South estate items at the passing of Rider South, Marshal’s oldest child. These artifacts are on display at the Begole Archaeological Research Center Library, 200 Palm Canyon Drive at the Anza Borrego Desert State Park headquarters. Join her for stories of Marshal South as a controversial writer, poet and artist who homesteaded on Ghost Mountain where he and his wife raised three children during their experiment in primitive living in the desert. On display are paintings, sculptures, pottery, jewelry and photographs. The Library is open to the public for this special event.

7:30 p.m. Talk & – *In Focus: Sentenac Canyon & Cienega*

1.5 Hours



This is part one of the 2-day class, continuing Saturday. Meet at the Steele/Burnand Anza-Borrego Desert Research Center. Open to the public \$5 or register for the 2-day class below.

Friday & Saturday, January 13-14, 2017

Education Program – *Anza-Borrego: In Focus-Sentenac Canyon & Cienega: Acquisition Restoration and Research*

2 Days



Twenty years ago, ABF changed their land acquisition focus to include the goals of connectivity, wildlife corridors, and acquiring out-holdings. The first project was Sentenac Canyon, a privately held parcel in the San Felipe Valley. We will take a hike to look at historic sites such as the Butterfield Stage site and the Sentenac brothers' "cabin", discuss the results of landscape restoration at Scissors Crossing, and explore the gallery riparian forest of San Felipe Creek. \$60 Public / \$50 ABF Members. Visit www.theABF.org/events or call 760-767-0446 ext 1004 for more information and to register.

Saturday, January 14, 2017

8:00 a.m. Walk – Bird Walk

1.5 Hours



Join Volunteer Naturalist Ann Keenan for a walk around the Visitor Center vicinity looking for the common birds of our desert. All birding levels welcome. Meet in the Visitor Center parking lot. Please bring binoculars. Rain cancels.

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Saturday, January 14, 2017 (continued)

8:00 a.m. Hike – Discover the Hidden Treasures of the Palm Canyon Trail

2 Hours

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10:30 a.m. Talk ♿ – In Search of the Elusive Elephant Tree

30 Min.

The seldom-seen, endangered elephant tree survives in only a few scattered and isolated spots in California. Join Volunteer Naturalist Karen Cormier at the Visitor Center to find out how to identify these distinctive trees, hear why Native Americans valued them, and discover where you can look for elephant tree herds “in the wild”.

11:00 a.m. Walk – Those Mysterious Holes : Discovering The Abundant Life Of ABDSP 45 Minutes

What animal built those holes along the trail? Who made those tracks? What other clues can we find to the plentiful life in ABDSP? Join Volunteer Naturalist Terry Hunefeld and get ready to do some detective sleuthing on an easy stroll around the Visitor Center gardens to see what we can see. Bring binoculars and cameras if you have them – and, of course, water, hat & sunscreen. Meet in front of the Visitor Center.

1:00 p.m. Walk ♿ – Garden Walk

45 Minutes

Join a Visitor Center Interpreter who will take you on a stroll through the Visitor Center Garden to discover some of our special desert plants.

2:00 p.m. ♿ – Junior Rangers

1 Hour

Special program for children ages 7-12 only. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.

7:30 p.m. Paleontology Lecture ♿

1.5 Hours

Greg McDonald, PhD, a research associate at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, will present a lecture “Snowmass: A Record of Climate Change in the Rocky Mountains During the Ice Age”.

This presentation is sponsored by the Paleontology Society and open to the public. Meet in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center.

7:30 p.m. Campfire Program ♿ – Mystery Cat: Anza-Borrego’s Elusive Mountain Lion 45 Min.

Join Volunteer Naturalist Don Endicott for a 45-minute multi-media introduction to the natural history of the Park's seldom seen apex predator. Don's talk will describe the amazing attributes and signature behaviors of our big cats, show how relationships between Mountain Lions and people changed over time, and outline their key contributions to a healthy wilderness environment. Meet at the campfire center in Borrego Palm Canyon campground.

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8:00 a.m. Hike – Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

3 Hours

Volunteer Naturalist Dan Leidecker will be roaming the Borrego Palm Canyon Trail searching for bighorn sheep and other interesting features along the trail. Look for him in his volunteer vest as you hike to the palm oasis. This is not a guided hike.

9:00 a.m. Ranger Walk/Talk – Elephant Tree Trail

1 Hour

Join Ranger Steve for a walk at the Elephant Tree Trail off Split Mountain Road in the Fish Creek area. Meet at the trailhead to the Elephant Tree Trail.

11:00 a.m. Talk ♿ – What Gives Ravens Their Star Quality?

45 Min.

Enjoy finding out how the intelligence and personalities of ravens have inspired their starring role in myths and legends around the world. With Volunteer Naturalist Karen DeLorenzo you will discover a new way to look at these mischievous (and maybe even wise) birds. Meet in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center.

2:30 p.m. Walk – Panorama Overlook

2.5 Hours

Meet Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter at the Visitor Center to walk across the desert and up the Panorama Overlook Trail for good views of the Borrego Valley and Font's Point. Wear sturdy shoes and bring at least one liter of water and a flashlight.

Monday, January 16, 2017

9:00 a.m. Hike – Cool Canyon

4 Hours

Join Brian and Susie Jones on a strenuous 3-mile round trip hike up Cool Canyon. We'll hike up some dry waterfalls in the higher country where the flora is different from that of the desert floor and observe some of the lizards that live there. Meet at the intersection of Highway S-2 and the first dirt road to the west, just south of the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park boundary sign beyond Shelter Valley. Driving time is about 45 minutes from the Visitor Center, and 4WD is not required. Hike is limited to 15 people; *please sign up at the Visitor Center*. Bring water, hat, snacks, and sturdy hiking shoes. Hiking sticks are optional.

Tuesday, January 17, 2017



8:30 a.m. Hike – Weekly Members Hike

3.5 Hours

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Thursday, January 19, 2017

9:00 a.m. Hike – Borrego Mountain West Butte

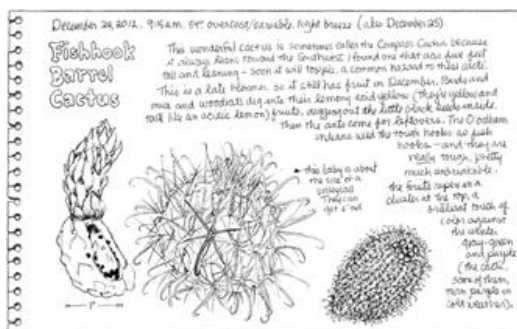
3 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Mary Ekelund and Paul Larson for a moderate 3-mile (roundtrip) hike to the top of one of our smaller peaks, but with great views! There will be some walking on narrow ridges and scrambling on rocks toward the summit. Meet just off Highway #78 at the intersection of Buttes Pass Road, 1.5 miles east of Borrego Springs Road.

11:00 a.m. Walk ♿ – Notice and Wonder

1.5 Hours

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Naturejournaling.blogspot.com

Friday, January 20, 2017

8:00 a.m. Hike – Mine Wash Hike

5.5 Hours

Join volunteer naturalist Ann Keenan for a moderate 5-mile round trip exploratory hike in Mine Wash. There are a few dry waterfalls to negotiate at the beginning of the route. Bring water and lunch. Wear hiking shoes. This hike is limited to 10 people. Please sign up at the Visitor Center. Meet at 8:00 a.m. in the upper parking lot of the Visitor Center to carpool.

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11:00 a.m. Talk ♿ – Hardy Desert Survivors

45 Min.

Join Certified Interpretive Guide Abby Barker for a power point program in the Discovery Lab as she introduces you to some unique and amazing hardy desert survivors- the desert plants and discusses how the ingenious Native Americans used desert plants for their food, clothing, shelter, and medicine.

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Saturday, January 21, 2017

6:00 a.m. Strenuous Hike – Mike's Hikes to Villager Peak

10 Hours



Nestled among other iconic peaks in the Santa Rosa Mountains ridgeline, Villager Peak is a true adventure in stamina. This faint trail steamrolls right up Villager Peak and seems to never quit, climbing higher and higher. This is the longest of our Mike's Hikes at 13 miles, and will require us to keep moving with few breaks. Although Villager has stable footing and a faint trail, the continuous incline makes for a very long and tiring day of hiking. You must register in advance for this program, no exceptions. Go to www.theABF.org/5peaks or call 760-767-0446 ext 1003.

9:00 a.m. Hike – Stone Bridge #5

4 Hours

Join Susie and Brian Jones to explore a wash with towering water-carved walls, walk through a mini slot canyon, and end up at a magnificent dry waterfall. This is an easy/moderate 2.2 mile hike, with a sloping short descent into the wash. Bring water, snack, and sturdy hiking shoes; hiking sticks may be helpful. Meet at Mile Marker 37.2 on Highway S-22, east of Borrego Springs. Limited to 15 people; you must sign up at the Visitor Center.

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7:30 p.m. Campfire Program ♿

45 Min.

Join Park Ranger Carina at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center for a program on the Park's endangered Desert Bighorn Sheep.



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INTERPRETIVE ACTIVITIES

JANUARY 2017

Sunday, January 22, 2017

9:00 a.m. Hike – Lower Willows

5-6 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Ted Caragozian and Paul Larson for a moderately strenuous hike in lower Coyote Canyon, including Coyote Creek, the rocky Bypass Road, and hopefully a variety of birds. Meet at the end of the pavement at the north end of DiGiorgio Road.

9:00 a.m. Hike – Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

3 Hours

Volunteer Naturalist Bonnie Clapp will be roaming the Borrego Palm Canyon Trail searching for bighorn sheep and other interesting features along the trail. Look for her as you hike to the palm oasis. This is not a guided hike.

1:00 p.m. Hike – Culp Valley Wander

2.5 Hours

Take a walk in one of the favorite areas of Anza-Borrego that features a historic spring, an awesome scenic overlook, and beautiful boulders. Meet Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter at the entrance to Culp Valley Campground between Mile Markers 9 and 9.5 on highway S-22. This hike is rated moderate. Wear sturdy shoes, long sleeves, and a sun hat. Bring a snack and water.

Monday, January 23, 2017

2:00 p.m. Talk – Cosmic Recycling: Geological Highlights of the Anza-Borrego Region

1 Hour

Southern California has a rich and varied geological history. Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian will relate some of the fascinating local lore and how it ties into the larger picture. Meet in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center.



Tuesday, January 24, 2017

8:30 a.m. Hike – Weekly Members Hike

3.5 Hours



Meet at the State Park Store in the Mall. Join ABF for our weekly member hikes. These hikes take you to little-known but easily accessible spots throughout the northern area of the Park as a free perk for ABF members. Not a member? Ask about joining at the Visitor Center or State Park Store. Visit www.theabf.org/2017-member-hikes or call 760-767-0446 ext. 1003 for more information. No advance registration required.

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JANUARY 2017

Wednesday, January 25, 2017

9:00 a.m. Hike – Travertine Palms

5 Hours

There is a beautiful palm oasis in the far northeast corner of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Join Volunteer Naturalists Paul Larson and Ted Caragozian for a moderately strenuous 5-6 mile (roundtrip) hike across rocky ground to the oasis. We'll see fresh water shells from old Lake Cahuilla along the way. Bring water, light lunch, and sturdy hiking shoes. Meet at the Red Earth Casino parking lot, north on State Highway 86.

11:00 a.m. Walk ♿ – Notice and Wonder

1.5 Hours

Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter to explore Nature journaling. We'll observe the desert closely and record what we experience with very basic techniques of writing, drawing, and painting to focus on what we notice and what we wonder. No artistic ability required! Bring your own journal or use ours. Be prepared with water, sunhat, sunscreen, and a lawn chair or towel to sit upon.

1:00 p.m. Walk ♿ – Desert Scents

1 Hour

Enjoy an easy stroll through the visitor center garden with Volunteer Naturalist Ingrid Coffin. Use your senses on this plant exploration program that meets at the Visitor Center entrance.



Thursday, January 26, 2017

9:00 a.m. Hike – Mountain Palm Springs

5 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Paul Larson and Mary Ekelund for a moderate to strenuous 5-mile loop hike through several palm groves and Torote Bowl at the southern end of the Park. Bring water, lunch, binoculars, hat, sunscreen and sturdy footwear. Meet at the entrance to Mountain Palm Springs on Highway S-2 at mile post 47.1.

11:00 a.m. Walk ♿ – Notice and Wonder

1.5 Hours

Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter to explore Nature journaling. We'll observe the desert closely and record what we experience with very basic techniques of writing, drawing, and painting to focus on what we notice and what we wonder. No artistic ability required! Bring your own journal or use ours. Be prepared with water, sunhat, sunscreen, and a lawn chair or towel to sit upon.

Friday, January 27, 2017

11:00 a.m. Talk ♿ – Archaeology in the Park

1 Hour

Join Robin Connors, Colorado Desert District Archaeologist for an update on the exciting and surprising developments in cultural resource preservation in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Open to the public.

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Saturday, January 28, 2017

8:00 a.m. Walk – Bird Walk

1.5 Hours



Join Volunteer Naturalist Ann Keenan for a walk around the Visitor Center vicinity looking for the common birds of our desert. All birding levels welcome. Meet in the Visitor Center parking lot. Please bring binoculars. Rain cancels.

9:00 a.m. Bike Ride – Borrego Badlands Mountain Bike Ride

3 Hours



Join us for a 15-mile mountain bike ride through the Borrego Badlands. This strenuous and sandy route will start at Arroyo Salado and end at The Slot. \$20 Public / \$15 ABF Members. Visit www.theabf.org/events or call Ashley for more details and to register: 760-767-0446 Ext. 1003.

11:00 a.m. Talk ♿ – Coyote: Song-Dog or Trickster?

1 Hour

Have you heard them at night? Have you seen them? They're in the park... and in town, too. Native Americans admired them for their crafty intelligence & stealth – thus their legends about “The Trickster.” How much do you really know about these ghostly creatures? Join Volunteer Naturalist Terry Hunefeld as we look at the good, the bad and the ugly and sort out fact from fiction about these amazing wild animals. Meet in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center.



1:00 p.m. Talk ♿ – Murders and Unkindnesses

1 Hour

Join Volunteer Naturalist Jeff Salton to discover the remarkable differences between Crows and Ravens and explore some of the mystery and intrigue in the world of birds.

2:00 p.m. ♿ – Junior Rangers

1 Hour

Special program for children ages 7-12 only. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.

7:30 p.m. Talk ♿ – Enjoy Anza-Borrego's Dark Night Sky!

1 Hour

Winter nights are perfect for Stargazing. Explore constellations and learn about the importance of dark skies everywhere. Bring binoculars if you have them, flashlight (red lens is preferable) and your imagination! Look for Sally Theriault, Park Interpreter at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center.

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Sunday, January 29, 2017

10:00 a.m. Ranger Hike – Walking Phantom Trails

1 Hour

Join Ranger Heidi for a hike into the Mine Wash Village Site to learn about the intertwining history of the people of the Park. Meet her at the Mine Wash Village Site about a mile up Mine Wash Road from the intersection with Highway #78. 4WD is not required.

11:00 a.m. Talk ♿ – In Search of the Elusive Elephant Tree

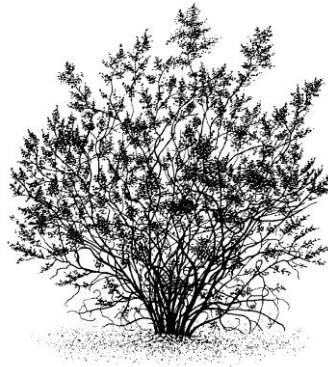
30 Min.

The seldom-seen, endangered elephant tree survives in only a few scattered and isolated spots in California. Join Volunteer Naturalist Karen Cormier at the Visitor Center to find out how to identify these distinctive trees, hear why Native Americans valued them, and discover where you can look for elephant tree herds “in the wild”.

1:00 p.m. Walk ♿ – Garden Walk

45 Min.

Join a Visitor Center Interpreter who will take you on a stroll through the Visitor Center Garden to discover some of our special desert plants.



Tuesday, January 31, 2017



8:30 a.m. Hike – Weekly Members Hike

3.5 Hours

Meet at the State Park Store in the Mall. Join ABF for our weekly member hikes. These hikes take you to little-known but easily accessible spots throughout the northern area of the Park as a free perk for ABF members. Not a member? Ask about joining at the Visitor Center or State Park Store. Visit www.theabf.org/2017-member-hikes or call 760-767-0446 ext. 1003 for more information. No advance registration required.

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DESERT SAFETY

✓ **Carry water AND drink it**

Saving your water for the hike back has led to death in Anza-Borrego. Drink plenty of water before you leave home, while you hike, and on the return route. If you feel thirsty, it is already too late. Drink lots of water and drink often.

✓ **Make sure your vehicle is desert-ready.**

Equip your vehicle for the desert. You should always carry extra water, a shade tarp, a shovel, a tire pump, and extra food.

✓ **Prepare yourself.**

In addition to carrying water, you should have protective clothing, sunscreen, a hat, a good map, food and a first aid kit which includes a comb and tweezers.

✓ **Do not split up the group**

Stay together. Never leave anyone behind to rest.

✓ **Have a plan.**

Leave all your trip information with a friend. Tell him/her your destination, the route you intend to follow, your expected return time, a description of your vehicle with license plate number, and the time by which he/she should notify park authorities in case you do not return.

✓ **Leave snakes alone.**

Many venomous snakes live in the desert. If you threaten them, they may strike. It is illegal to harass, catch, or kill any snake within Anza-Borrego. If bitten, remain calm and seek immediate medical attention.

✓ **When emergencies happen:**

Stop. Stay calm. Seek shelter. If you are with your vehicle, remain there; do not leave it. Signal with mirrors, white cloth, whistle (three short blasts on a whistle, pause, then three more, repeat frequently), and put your hood up. It is much easier to find a vehicle in the desert than a person!!!

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